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SUBJECT: MISSION ASSESSMENT OF RECOVERED LENTICULAR AERODYNE
OBJECTIVES AND IMPLICATIONS [illegible] PART I.

[illegible]

PAR. [illegible] TECHNICAL EVALUATION

PAR. [illegible] SCIENTIFIC FEASIBILITY

PAR. [illegible] POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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GENERAL STATEMENT

1. On 24 June 1947, there went out over this coun
newswires, wire simultaneous broadcasts on nationwide radio, a
most sensational story. A civilian pilot on the name of
Kenneth Arnold, a businessman of [illegible], while flying his
fire-fighting equipment, while flying his personal plane on
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

the same day by a Portland prospector by the name of Fred Jennson. According to interrogation report Mr. Jennson cla... to have observed six to nine disc-shaped objects flying rapi... over the Cascade Mountains. He watched the objects through a small telescope which he used in his prospecting. The report states that he noticed the compass wand oscilated wildly fro... side to side, indicating some kind of magnetic disturbanc... associated with the objects.

4. On 27 June, according to interrogation of of AA... ... conducted by ... formation of discs flew past ... aircraft over Lake ... and ... [redacted] the pilot reports that what he saw was ... way conventional aircraft.

5. Numerous sightings over military installations ... the state of New Mexico were investigated by Army and Nav... intelligence officers. Reports were forwarded to Militar... ... intelligence Division for ... sightings produced ... evidence that Army and Navy aeronautical research program... responsible since all such flights are carefully coordinat... with government agencies and civilian contractors.

6. Up until 4 July, sightings have been reported, no... only in the United States, ... Holland, Paraguay, Scandinavia, Greece, and by ships at sea.

7. Of the 1,200 sighting reports collected since 1942, approximately 200 incidents have proven to be unknown craft operating at speeds in excess of 1200 MPH and at times attaining

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PART I PROJECT WHITE HOT INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (PRELIMINARY)

LANDING ZONE NO.1

Socorro, New Mexico--The unidentified lenticular-shaped aerodyne which has been designated ULAT-1, has been evaluated as a non-air breathing aircraft of unknown origin. Totally lacking conventional wing, fuselage, nacelle, control, and fuel systems strongly indicates it is not Russian. Consultation with Panorelli specialists concurr. Aerodynamic features exhibited in ULAT-1 represents a very high degree of engineering and sophistication not seen in this country. Dimensional homogeneity study cannot explain how this craft sustains lead and lift factors necessary for flight. The power plant does not even remotely resemble any conventional type now in use. Lacking any discernible intake or exhaust features, it is the opinion of AMC and ONR that this craft was designed to operate outside of the earth's atmosphere. The unconventional conclusions reached by members of this fact finding mission remain tentative at this time. Some members expressed the view that ULAT-1 may be the product of an advanced culture from another planet that is much older than ours and has utilized the science and intellect for interplanetary space travel. It is not precisely known if the occupants purposely had the objective of exploration out of curiousity, or with the intent of surveying for other reasons. So far, no hostile action or intent has been observed since they made their

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presence known. Given the fact that our atomic bomb tests, [redacted] atmospheric exploration with rockets, and [redacted] precipitated the events that led to the incident and subsequent [redacted]ed in New Mexico, could have actions taken by the military.

Operating under the assumption that the fallen object was a long-range Russian reconnaissance platform collecting aerial photographic intelligence data, military intelligence personnel were instructed to secure the craft, debris and all occupants as rapidly as possible. Concerns over possible exposure to civilians of unknown biological and chemical agents dictated the quarantine measures taken. Radiation hazards were assumed and appropriate protective measures were taken as well. In the interest of National Security priorities it was necessary to detain civilian witnesses for interrogation to satisfy intelligence requirements, and quash rumors that could alert potential espionage agents known to be in the vicinity. Several bodies were discovered. Because on-site medical personnel were unsure of the physiological and biological make up of the occupants, special preparations and preservation methods were employed. Autopsy information obtained so far suggests that the occupants mimic the features associated with ORIENTALS, [redacted]. Outwardly, they appear human-like with but one exception, autopsy notes mention a rarely observed [redacted] present which supports the [redacted] premise that these beings originate from another planet.

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PART III SCIENTIFIC PROBABILITIES

1. Based on all available evidence collected from recovered exhibits currently under study by AMC, AFSWP, NEPA, AEC, ONR, NACA, JEDB, RAND, USAAF SAG, and MIT, are deemed extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artifacts [redacted] discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of US science, even that of German rocket and aircraft development.

2. Interplanetary space travel is possible provided adequate funding, necessary resources are made available, and national interest is piqued.

3. Our solar system is not unique. Chances are favorable for intelligent life on other planets notwithstanding similar development not unlike our own.

4. Being that our culture is relatively young (in relation to the cosmic scale), it is possible that other cultures may have developed faster, or are much older and have avoided the pitfalls common in our historical and scientific development.

5. Human origins may not be constrained to one planet. Our genus may be found among solar systems similar to our own.

6. The laws of physics and genetics may have a genesis in a higher, structured order than once previously thought.

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PART IV POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Given the existing political climate in the US and the unstable conditions in Europe, it is the considered opinion of the members, that if the Administration went public with the information as found in this report now, the results would be damaging, even fatal to the world political structure as it now exists. The following considerations were reviewed and debated which led the mission to the following opinions:

   a. Public trust of the political institutions may be eroded and possibly be held in disrepute.

   b. A complete revisioning make take place among institutions of higher learning, thus calling into question the certainty of scientific knowledge.

   c. The ability of the Armed Forces to secure National Security would be put in jeopardy and possibly lead to undue public fear and disorder.

   d. [redacted]

   e. History and religion in the political context would probably suffer the most damage causing unprecedented upheaval in social and psychological well-being.

   f. Political reperoussions may occur in our diplomatic efforts of containing the Communist threat to our democratic interests.

5. If such an announcement were made by the current Administration, it could be perceived by opposing party as a trick, laying open to accusations of unethetical posturing and manipulation of the public's mind.

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